



MANCHESTER-HOOKSETT-BOW
STATE 13917 FEDERAL X-A000(112)
NH3A FEASIBILITY STUDY

Meeting #2 Notes

Tuesday, April 13, 2004

4:00PM

NHDOT

Concord, New Hampshire

Members Present: Charles Watson (Town of Hooksett), Amanda Arnold (Central NH Regional Planning Commission), Christopher Northrop (NH Office of Energy and Planning), Hiram Morrill (NHDOT District 5), Carolyn Russell (NH Dept. of Environmental Services), Bill Klubben (Town of Bow), Quazi Bari (Southern NH Regional Planning Commission), Ken Koornneef (Town of Bow)

Members Absent: Robert MacKenzie (City of Manchester), Linda Wilson (NH Division of Historic Resources), William O'Donnell (Federal Highway Administration),

Staff: Michael Pillsbury (NHDOT), Bob Jurasin (Wilbur Smith Associates), Tom Errico (Wilbur Smith Associates)

1. Welcome & Introductions – Michael Pillsbury

Mike gave a brief introduction into the project specifics.

2. Approve March 16, 2004 Meeting Notes – Bob Jurasin

The meeting notes were approved.

3. Study Summary – Bob Jurasin

Bob gave a brief summary on the projects Mission Statement, Project Management and Consultant Team, and Study Objectives.

4. Develop Draft Purpose and Need Statement – Bob Jurasin/Tom Errico

Bob presented the draft Purpose and Need Statement and noted that it specifies: Goals and Objectives of the project; is used to evaluate the range of possible improvements; and is used by State and Federal Regulatory Agencies to Advance Project Improvements through the Next Phases. Specific comments are noted below:

5. Specific comments by the Advisory Committee are noted below:

- Speeds are an issue in the corridor

- Safety is an issue and should be a separate item in the Purpose Statement.
- Preserving the character along NH3A is important and should be a separate item in the Purpose Statement.
- The States finance strategy impacts the character of NH3A.
- Truck traffic utilizes a lot of the NH3A roadway capacity.
- The Purpose should be revised to note “Land Use and Economic Development Goals”.
- The first bullet in the Purpose Statement should be broken into: Short-Term Improvements; Long-Term Improvements; and Safety.
- The Town of Hooksett noted concern with development issues related to a 55-acre parcel of land off Hackett Hill Road with limited access opportunities.
- Needs just outside the corridor should be considered including storm water management issues.
- Roadway Capacity in Hooksett Village is an issue.
- Quality of Life and aesthetics are important.
- Providing or protecting river views should be considered.
- Accessibility to I-93 in Bow, particularly as it relates to future development opportunities is a concern.
- Hooksett has the majority of its development activity occurring on the eastside and river-crossing limitations will create bottlenecks.
- Consideration of bicycle and pedestrian trails facilities need to be considered.
- Hooksett is planning a fire station on NH3A near Exit 10 and therefore has concerns about emergency access.
- It was suggested that the State should consider options for development of truck facilities on I-93 such that it provides competition to businesses on NH3A with the hope to reduce truck traffic in the corridor. Bob Jurasin noted that this study will not be assessing truck facilities on I-93, but this issue can be included in this study as a long term planning issue for the State to consider.
- The I-93 Toll Operations (toll location, fares and method of collection) effect traffic diversion on NH3A. Bob Jurasin noted that this study will not be assessing the I-93 toll operations but this issue can be included in this study as a long term planning issue for the State to consider.
- Bow is in the process of pursuing the construction of water and sewer infrastructure and a strategy for economic development in the NH3A corridor. Accordingly, the Town of Bow has a desire and need for a preliminary plan for the Bow section of NH3A.

6. Review May 2004 Public Meeting Material – Tom Errico

Tom presented the Power Point presentation with the following comments:

- Fatal accidents should be noted.
- Mapping that provides an oblique view should be utilized. WSA will contact Eastern Topographics to determine availability.
- Hackett Hill Road in Manchester should be included for turning movement counts.

- Obtaining Origin/Destination information would be helpful in identifying users of the corridor particularly as it relates to through traffic. WSA noted that an Origin/Destination study is not planned but will have the ability to qualitatively assess through traffic from other information. However, it was noted that specific through traffic volumes will not be known.
- The speed survey in Bow should be conducted between Vaughn Road and River Road.
- A resource map and developed land map should be provided for informational purposes.
- Areas of air quality non-attainment should be noted.
- Meeting notices should be published in local newspapers.
- Power Point presentations will be supplied to the AC for their use.

Action Items for March 16th Meeting

- ❑ WSA will obtain aerial mapping from the Town of Hooksett. **(Pending)**
- ❑ WSA will obtain a copy of the Hooksett Master Plan. **(Completed)**
- ❑ WSA will prepare material for the public meeting, which will include photographs of deficiencies and existing available traffic data. **(Completed)**
- ❑ The next Advisory Committee Meeting will be on April 13th at 4:00pm at NHDOT.

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- ❑ WSA will revise the Purpose and Need statement based upon comments and transmit a copy to the Committee prior to the May Public meetings.
- ❑ WSA will summarize fatal accidents for the Public Meeting presentation.
- ❑ WSA will contact Eastern Topographic about obtaining Oblique view mapping.
- ❑ WSA will include the Hackett Hill Road intersection (Manchester) in the turning movements count program.
- ❑ WSA will conduct the speed survey in Bow between Vaughn Road and River Road.
- ❑ WSA will include resource mapping for the public presentation.
- ❑ WSA will include air quality information for the public presentation.
- ❑ WSA will provide copies of the PowerPoint presentation material to the Committee.